



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status

Reviews of 31 Species in the Southwest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are conducting 5-year status reviews under the Endangered Species Act, of 31 animal and plant species. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last review for the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we are requesting submission of new information no later than **INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For details on how to request or submit information, see **Request for Information** and **How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?** in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. For general information, contact Beth Forbus, by telephone at 505–248–6681; or by email at Beth_Forbus@fws.gov.

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relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Do We Conduct 5-Year Reviews?

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year status reviews, refer to our factsheet at <https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?

A 5-year status review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

(A) Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

(B) Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(C) Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

(D) Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and

(E) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to

taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year status review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which Species Are Under Review?

The species in the following table are under active 5-year status review.

ANIMALS						
Common Name	Scientific Name	Listing Status	Current Range	Final listing rule (<i>Federal Register</i> citation and publication date)	Contact Person, Phone, Email	Contact Person's U.S. Mail Address
Houston toad	<i>Bufo houstonensis</i>	Endangered	Texas	35 FR 16047 10/13/1970	Field Supervisor, 512-490-0057 (phone)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758
Phantom tryonia	<i>Tryonia cheatumi</i>	Endangered	Texas	78 FR 41227 7/9/2013		
Phantom springsnail	<i>Pyrgulopsis texana</i>	Endangered	Texas	78 FR 41227 7/9/2013		
Tooth Cave spider	<i>Tayshaneta myopica</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 36029 9/16/1988		
Tooth Cave pseudoscorpion	<i>Tartarocreagris texana</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 36029 9/16/1988		
Bone Cave harvestman	<i>Texella reyesi</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 36029 9/16/1988		
Bee Creek Cave harvestman	<i>Texella reddelli</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 36029 9/16/1988		
Tooth Cave ground beetle	<i>Rhadine persephone</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 36029 9/16/1988		
Kretschmarr Cave mold beetle	<i>Texamaurops reddelli</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 36029 9/16/1988		
Coffin Cave mold beetle	<i>Batrisodes texanus</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 36029 9/16/1988		
Diminutive amphipod	<i>Gammarus hyalleloides</i>	Endangered	Texas	78 FR 41227 7/9/2013		
Big Bend gambusia	<i>Gambusia gaigei</i>	Endangered	Texas	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967		
Pecos gambusia	<i>Gambusia nobilis</i>	Endangered	New Mexico and Texas	35 FR 16047 10/13/1970		

Texas hornshell	<i>Popenaias popeii</i>	Endangered	New Mexico and Texas	83 FR 5720 3/12/2018	Field Supervisor, 281–286–8282 (phone) or <i>HoustonESFO@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office, 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211, Houston, TX 77058
Ouachita rock pocketbook	<i>Arcidens wheeleri</i>	Endangered	Arkansas and Oklahoma	56 FR 54950 10/23/1991	Field Office Supervisor, 918–581-7458 (phone), or <i>OKProjectReview@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office, 9014 East 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74129
Rio Grande silvery minnow	<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>	Endangered	New Mexico and Texas	59 FR 36988 7/20/1994	Field Supervisor, 505–346-2525(phone) or <i>nmesfo@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
		Experimental, Non-essential	Texas		Field Supervisor, 512-490-0057 (phone)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758

Jemez Mountains salamander	<i>Plethodon neomexicanus</i>	Endangered	New Mexico	78 FR 55599 9/10/2013	Field Supervisor, 505–346-2525 (phone) or <i>nmesfo@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
Alamosa springsnail	<i>Tryonia alamosae</i>	Endangered	New Mexico	56 FR 58664 9/30/1991		
Little Colorado spinedace	<i>Lepidomeda vittata</i>	Threatened	Arizona	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967	Field Supervisor, 602–242–0210 (phone) or <i>incomingazcorr@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051–2517
Sonoran pronghorn	<i>Antilocapra americana sonoriensis</i>	Endangered	Arizona	32 FR 4001 3/11/1967		
		Experimental, Non-essential		76 FR 25593 5/5/2011		
PLANTS						
Kuenzler hedgehog cactus	<i>Echinocereus fendleri</i> var. <i>kuenzleri</i>	Threatened	New Mexico and Texas	44 FR 61924 11/28/1979	Field Supervisor, 505–346-2525 (phone) or <i>nmesfo@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001
Lee pincushion cactus	<i>Coryphantha sneedii</i> var. <i>leei</i>	Threatened	New Mexico	44 FR 61554 11/26/1979		
Sneed pincushion cactus	<i>Coryphantha sneedii</i> var. <i>sneedii</i>	Threatened	New Mexico and Texas	44 FR 64741 12/7/1979		
Pecos sunflower	<i>Helianthus paradoxus</i>	Threatened	New Mexico and Texas	64 FR 56583 10/20/1999		
Acuna cactus	<i>Echinomastus erectocentrus</i> var. <i>acunensis</i>	Endangered	Arizona	78 FR60607 10/31/2013	Field Supervisor, 602–242–0210 (phone) or <i>incomingazcorr@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Ecological Services Office, 9828 North 31st Avenue, #C3, Phoenix, AZ 85051–2517
Navajo sedge	<i>Carex specuicola</i>	Threatened	Arizona and Utah	50 FR 19370 5/8/1985		
White bladderpod	<i>Physaria pallida</i>	Endangered	Texas	44 FR 64738 10/26/1979	Field Supervisor, 281-286-8282 (phone) or <i>HoustonESFO@fws.gov</i> (email)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Coastal
Zapata bladderpod	<i>Physaria thamnophila</i>	Endangered	Texas	53 FR 37975 9/28/1988		

Texas trailing phlox	<i>Phlox nivalis</i> ssp. <i>texensis</i>	Endangered	Texas	47 FR 19539 5/6/1982		Ecological Services Field Office, 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211, Houston, TX 77058
Lloyd's mariposa cactus	<i>Sclerocactus</i> <i>mariposensis</i>	Threatened	Texas	44 FR 64347 12/6/1979		
Guadalupe fescue	<i>Festuca ligulata</i>	Endangered	Texas	82 FR 42245 10/10/2017		

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See **What Information Do We Consider in Our Review?** for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

If you wish to provide information for any species listed above, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in the table above. You may also direct questions to those contacts (also see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year status reviews can be found at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-five-year-review>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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